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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

The following Preliminary Amendment and Remarks are submitted for entry into the present application along with the Request for Continued Prosecution under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 accompanying this paper.

Also accompanying this Preliminary Amendment is a two-month Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for Extension of Time setting a new time for response of July 5, 2005 (having a date of July 4, 2005 which was a holiday).

No Amendments to the Specification or Drawings are presented in this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.